

Office of Community Services for Warren and Washington Counties
Warren County Community Services Board
Washington County Community Services Board
September 8, 2016

Warren County

Present: Kimberly Brayton, Ph.D., Chair; Joan Grishkot, Vice-Chair; Lu Thomas-Cosgrove; Amy Molloy; James Dexter; Holly Irion-Sweet

Excused: Barbara Boggia; Maureen Schmidt

Washington County

Present: Christina Bessen, Vice-Chair; Patti Hunt

Excused: Rick Demers, Chair; Kathy Flanagan; Samuel Hall; Michelle Burke; Robert Miles; Sue Clary; Tammy DeLorme

Staff: Robert York; Harry Carlson; Lisa Coutu; Cynthia Wasson; Linda Wright; Carrie Wright

Warren County Mental Health Committee:

Guests:

Agenda Item	Outcome	Action
Call to order	A quorum was confirmed for Warren County CSB and the meeting was convened.	Meeting called to order at 3:06p by Ms. Brayton.
	Minutes of the July 14, 2016 meeting presented for approval.	<u>Warren</u> Motion: J. Grishkot Second: L. Cosgrove Abstentions: None Motion carried with unanimous vote <u>Washington</u> Deferred
Presentations: WWAMH Dual Recovery Program, Cliff Green, Coordinator	Cliff Green, Coordinator, WWAMH Dual Recovery Program, provided in informational overview of the Dual Recovery Program and their Garden Project. Mr. Green stated he has been working as the Dual Recovery Coordinator for our Counties for almost 17 years. Dual Recovery meetings are held Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1pm in the large conference room at 230 Maple St. There is also a peer-run group once a week at Glens Falls Hospital Behavioral Health Unit. Mr. Green talked about the garden project that the dual recovery participants have developed together with East Side Center	

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<p>The Addictions Care Center of Albany, Keith Stack, CEO</p>	<p>participants. East Side center makes use of most of these vegetables for daily lunches and some produce is sold at their farmer's market on Friday's 11a – 1p. The remainder is donated to the food pantry at Community Action. Mr. Green talked about emotional, educational and nutritional benefits to program participants and the feelings of accomplishment, belonging and well-being that they report.</p> <p>Keith Stack, CEO, The Addictions Care Center of Albany, provided an overview presentation regarding their agency and discussed a Management Agreement and planned merger with 820 River St., Inc. Mr. Stack stated last Spring the Board of Directors of Peter Young Housing industries and Treatment approached ACCA to provide management and administrative services to 820 River Street, Inc., In January, 2016 both Board presidents signed the management agreement. ACCA and 820 River St., Inc. are now working towards a merger. ACCA is an addictions treatment program with housing, currently operating in the Albany area. He noted that Father Young actually started that program in 1971. OASAS and 820 River St., Inc. are discussing whether the 4th quarter 2016 state aid should be moved over to ACCA from the existing 820 River St. contract.</p> <p>There is a commitment from OASAS to purchase and renovate seven of the eight 820 River St. properties, which includes the 21 bed Crandall St. men's residence property and the Lawrence St. supportive apartment properties in our counties. They will expand services to include 3 levels of service. This will fit in with new OASAS regulations for residential redesign, and provide three services: 1) Stabilization, 2) Rehabilitation and 3) Reintegration. The goal behind residential redesign is to bridge the gaps between breaks in care and moving from outpatient to a residential setting. Mr. Stack provided and talked about a handout showing the levels of staffing required to provide the 3 levels of service.</p>	

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New Business:	<p>Resolution Request for New Contract – The Addictions Care Center of Albany, Inc. (ACCA) (10/1/16 – 12/31/16)</p> <p>State Agency 2016 COLA funding -- Harry Carlson provided a handout showing annualized COLA increases in State Aid for our contract agencies. A request was made for approval to amend contracts and budgets accordingly to accept COLA funds.</p>	<p><u>Warren</u> Motion: J. Grishkot Second: J. Dexter Abstentions: None Motion carried with unanimous vote</p> <p><u>Washington</u> Deferred</p> <p><u>Warren</u> Motion: J. Grishkot Second: H. Orion-Sweet Abstentions: None Motion carried with unanimous vote</p> <p><u>Washington</u> Deferred</p>
2nd Quarter Fiscal Report	H. Carlson reviewed a handout on the 2 nd quarter fiscal report.	

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Updates / Informational Items	<p>Council for Prevention funding update: R. York referenced the recent CSB resolution advocating pursuit of additional funding opportunities for the Council for Prevention. R. York participated in a meeting with OASAS Field Office Director and other OASAS staff to advance the concerns. NYS OASAS has agreed to do a fiscal and programmatic review of the agency. They want to ensure they are maximizing the existing funding in accordance with Federal guidelines, as the State Aid they pass through for Prevention Services is Federal Block Grant funding. They also advised regarding some additional funding opportunities on the horizon.</p> <p>- The First Adirondack Walk for Recovery is Saturday, September 10, 2016 10 am – 2pm Glens Falls City Park @ the Bandstand. Senator Betty Little, Assemblywoman Carrie Warner, and Washington County District Attorney Tony Jordan will be in attendance and have agreed to speak. It is an open event, and anyone is welcome to attend.</p> <p>- R. York deferred any Office of Community Services updates.</p> <p>- R. York talked about Regional Planning Consortiums (RPCs). He will provide a broader presentation at an upcoming CSB meeting. These will be regional stakeholder groups that focus on behavioral health issues related to implementation of Medicaid Redesign and system transformation and the impacts of the various related initiatives on the provider system, and to the individuals and families we serve. The RPCs will have State agencies at the table, including DOH, OMH and OASAS; the Managed Care Companies; Community Based providers, Peers and Families; Hospitals and Health Systems, including primary care providers; and Directors of Community Services. We will be part of the North Country RPC, which includes Warren, Washington, Essex, Clinton, Franklin and Hamilton Counties. The RPCs are designed to serve as both problem-solving entity as well as advisory to the state agencies to shape and inform public policy.</p>	

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	- R. York solicited input from CSB members regarding Fall/Winter meeting agenda planning.	
Adjournment and next meeting.	The meeting was adjourned at 4:30p. The next scheduled meeting of the Community Services Boards will be held on <u>Thursday, October 13th</u> @ 3:00 pm at <u>SUNY Adirondack</u> , Multipurpose Room in the Residence Hall, specific information regarding parking will be included in the meeting notice.	

Minutes respectively submitted by Cynthia Wasson, Secretary to the Boards